

Gender-based Violence & the Economy: Mapping the Evidence



Project Title	Gender-based Violence & the Economy: Mapping the Evidence
Project Summary	Building on an existing project, create a dynamic map of all available research on the (indirect and direct) costs of gender-based violence, with links to available research and a “bottom-line upfront” pop up box for each study and country highlighted.
Country	United States
Agency	Department of State
DoS Office	S/GWI
Post	N/A
Section	N/A
Number of Interns	2

Project Description

Gender-based violence (GBV) is a global pandemic: more than one in three women will experience physical or sexual violence during her lifetime. Not only is this a human rights abuse with potentially deadly consequences for the woman and her family, it imposes dire costs on societies. There is a growing evidence base to measure both direct (such as medical expenses, legal costs, intervention services, law enforcement) and indirect (long-term impact on health systems, lost productivity, the cyclical effects of witnessing violence as a child) costs and their toll on society. The research is still nascent, and methodologies and measurement outputs are not standardized, yet there is increasingly promising research from the World Bank and others that should be much better used to inform policymakers.

UN Women’s Virtual Knowledge Center on Violence Against Women currently hosts a website (<http://www.endvawnow.org/en/articles/301-consequences-and-costs-.html>) highlighting various research products on this subject matter, including from the ICRW and UNDP. However, not only is there no standard takeaway, the collection is from complete, and the site itself is not dynamic.

To address this initial hole, S/GWI currently has an on-site intern who is pulling together an initial mapping of available research documenting these costs. However, this will be a static product, and likely, will not be quite finished by time our intern departs in July. An interactive map all of the available data on the costs of GBV as measured by US Dollars and/or costs to a country’s GDP would go a long way to making the costs of GBV real to policymakers, with an ultimate goal of hosting it on a globally accessible website.

Desired Skills Interests

Additional Information

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Language Requirements

None